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(As Amended and Passed by the House March 20, 2017)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to notice requirements for actions for forcible
2 entry and detainer.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 648.5, Code 2017, is amended by adding
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 4A. The notice requirements of this
4 section shall be deemed to have been satisfied if the defendant
5 or the defendant's attorney appears at the hearing. If the
6 hearing will be held fewer than three days after service of
7 the original notice or if notice is deemed satisfied pursuant
8 to this subsection, and the defendant is not represented
9 by an attorney, the court shall grant a continuance at the
10 defendant's request to allow the defendant to prepare for the
11 hearing or to retain an attorney and shall inform the defendant
12 of such a right to a continuance.